

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DOUG WAGNER**, on March 11, 1999 at 3:20 A.M., in Room 312 - 1 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Doug Wagner, Chairman (R)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Shiell Anderson (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich (D)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mikell Johnson, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s): SB 458; SB 445
Executive Action: HB 629; SB 293

HEARING ON SB 458

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Fred Thomas

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EXHIBIT(fih58a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

Greg Munther, Montana Bow Hunters Association

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Stan Rauch, Montana Bowhunters Association

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Arnie Olson, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

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EXHIBIT(fih58a02)

Stan Rauch, Self

EXHIBIT(fih58a03)

Robert Howard, Self

Emitt Northup, Self

Mark Baker, Self

Walter Francis, Self

John Foster, Self

Dino Fanelli, Self

Robin Trenbeath, Self

Randy Tocci, Self

Larry Rattray, Self

Rick Miller, Self

Opponents' Testimony: NONE

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Fred Thomas

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HEARING ON SB 445

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Swysgood

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 550 - 716}

Proponents' Testimony:

Rep. Tash

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 731 - 801}

Rep. Steven Gallus

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 802 - 812}

Randy Smith, Big Hole Watershed Committee

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Arnie Olson, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

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EXHIBIT(fih58a04)

Steve Luebeck, George Grant Trout Unlimited

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EXHIBIT(fih58a05)

EXHIBIT(fih58a06)

Jim Hagenharth, Big Hole Watershed

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Bill Allen, Beaverhead Outdoors

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 43 - 56}

Robbie Garrett, Beaverhead Community Forum

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 58 - 110}

EXHIBIT(fih58a07)

Monty Hankinson, Beaverhead-Bighole Outfitters and Guides
Association

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 112 - 132}

EXHIBIT(fih58a08)

Russ Kipp, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 133 - 143}

Allen Schallenberger, Experience Montana

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 147 - 159}

EXHIBIT(fih58a09)

Tom Bugni, Tom's Guide Service and Skyline Sportsmen

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 160 - 197}

EXHIBIT(fih58a10)

Scarr Else, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 198 - 215}

Larry McGraff, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 216 - 236}

Al Lepor, Great Divide Outfitters

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 237 - 242}

Lorie Higgins, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 243 - 258}

Paul Arnold, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 259 - 267}

Mark Kambenh, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 268 - 298}

Sheila Youngblood, Self

EXHIBIT(fih58a11)

Jim Luebeck, Self

Craig Fellin, Big Hole River Outfitters

Jim Hagenbarth, Big Hole Watershed Committee

Randy Smith, Big Hole Watershed Committee

George Grant, Trout Unlimited

Paul Vang, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

Randy Cain, Fishing Outdoors Association of Montana

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John Cook, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 350 - 397}

Patrick Bannon, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 398 - 452}

EXHIBIT(fih58a12)

Rick Pasquale, Montana Board of Outfitters

{Tape : 2; Side : ; Approx. Tape Counter : 454 - 537}

EXHIBIT(fih58a13)

Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outdoors Association of Montana

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 538 - 602}

EXHIBIT(fih58a14)

EXHIBIT(fih58a15)

Mike Whittington, Magic City Fly Fishers

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 603 - 676}

John Kober, Montana Wildlife Federation

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 678 - 732}
EXHIBIT(fih58a16)

John Herzer, Fishing Outdoors Association of Montana
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 735 - 744}

Jerry Wilkerson, Fishing Outdoors Association of Montana
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 745 - 755}

John Gibson, Billings Rod and Gun Club
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 757 - 788}
EXHIBIT(fih58a17)

Bill Saunders, Self
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 789 - 809}
EXHIBIT(fih58a18)

John Way, Self
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 810 - 822}

Greg Lilly, Self
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 823 - 830}

David Scully, Self
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 831 - 850}
EXHIBIT(fih58a19)

Daniel Delekta, Self
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 851 - 867}
EXHIBIT(fih58a20)

Art Sobczak, Self
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 868 - 881}

Mike Worley, Self
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 882 - 891}8

Jay Burgin, Rivers Lodge
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 892 - 917}

Leonard Gidlow, Missouri River Lodge
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 918 - 941}

Eric Troth, Self
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 942 - 972}
EXHIBIT(fih58a21)

Garth Haugland, Beaverhead County Commissioners
Donna Sevalstad

Neal Cherry
Julie Eaton, Montana's Fly Fishing Specialists
Tony Schoonen, Public Lands Access Association
Gary Evans, Madison River Guides

Glen Gallentine, The Tackle Shop
Todd France, Self
Steven McCullough, Broad of County Commissioners -Townsend
Phone Petitions:

James Tracey
John Herzer
Randy Cain
Jim Laughery
Weston Mork

James McIssac, Carriage House Realty
Mary Bennett, Self
Gregory Herbert, Self
Meredith and Wayne Hale, Self
Sue Kairan, Self
Jim Allison, Jack River Outfitters

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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continued on tape 3 side A}*

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Swysgood

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 372 - 493}

Motion: REP. MOLNAR moved that SB 293 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion: Hanson, Gutsche

Motion/Vote: REP. GUTSCHE moved that SB 293 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Vote: Motion that SB 293 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED carried unanimously.

Motion: REP. FUCHS moved that HB 629 DO PASS.

Discussion: Erickson, Hanson, Gutsche,

Motion/Vote: REP. ERICKSON moved that HB 629 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

EXHIBIT(fih58a22)

Motion/Vote: REP. GUTSCHE moved that HB 629 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

EXHIBIT(fih58a23)

Motion/Vote: REP. SHOCKLEY moved that HB 629 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 15-3 with Fuchs and Rehbein voting no.

Motion: Moved that SB 58 AND SB 59 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion/Vote: REP. ANDERSON moved that SB 59 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

EXHIBIT(fih58a24)

Motion: REP. SHOCKLEY moved that SB 59 BE AMENDED.

Discussion: Raney, Gutsche, Rehbein, Golie, Molnar, Raney, Rehbein, Golie, Chairman Wagner, Raney, Arnie Olson, Shockley, Molnar, Arnie Olson

Motion: REP. DAVIES moved that SB 241 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion: Doug Sternberg, Rehbein, (continued on tape 4 side A) Erickson, Golie, Pavlovich, Shockley, Rehbein

Motion/Vote: REP. ANDERSON moved TO ADJOURN. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:30 P.M.

REP. DOUG WAGNER, Chairman

MIKELL JOHNSON, Secretary

DW/MJ

EXHIBIT(fih58aad)